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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM FORMER PRESIDENT CALDERA TO PRESIDENT NIXON

1. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED FROM SENATOR AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA RAFAEL CALDERA A LETTER TO PRESIDENT NIXON IN ANSWER TO LETTER WHICH WAS GIVEN TO CALDERA BY FIRST LADY. EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: FROM MRS. NIXON I HAD THE PLEASURE TO RECEIVE YOUR KIND LETTER CONCERNING THE ENDING OF MY ADMINISTRATION AND THE EFFORTS WHICH, DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS, IT WAS MY RESPONSI-

BILITY TO MAKE ON BEHALF OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF VENEZUELA, THE WELFARE OF MY PEOPLE, SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND THE FIRMEST POSSIBLE UNITY OF THE AMERICAN NATION WITH REGARD TO PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY AND DEMOCRACY. I HIGHLY VALUE YOUR EXCELLENCY'S GENEROUS OPINION, AND, IN CONFIRMING THE COOPERATION WHICH HAS EXISTED BETWEEN YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THAT OVER WHICH I HAD THE HONOR TO PRESIDE, I AM PLEASED TO EXPRESS MY ESTIMATION THAT THERE EXIST TODAY CLEARER AND MORE SINCERE BASES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STRONG INTER-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP AND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A POSITIVE HEMISPHERIC COOPERATION. MY WIFE JOINS ME IN WISHING YOU, MRS. NIXON AND YOUR FAMILY HEALTH AND WELL-BEING, AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE DIGNITY AND CONGENIALITY WITH WHICH THE FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATES REPRESENTED YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR GREAT COUNTRY IN THE

INAUGURATION CEREMONIES IN VENEZUELA. (SIGNED) CORDIALLY, R. CALDERA. UNQUOTE.
3. ORIGINAL LETTER IN SPANISH FOLLOWS UNDER COVER OF AIRGRAM. MCCLINTOCK
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